(c) No, Sir. Only in very rare cases where excessive damages is caused to underground cables by other agencies, there is possibility of a large telephones going faulty in that particular area.

(d) The following measures are being taken to minimise the number of tele phones going faulty during rains:—

(i) Ducting of underground cables. (ii) Cable pressurisation. (iii) Patrolling of important cable routes. (iv) Use of jelly filled cables. (v) Use of improved D.P./C.T. Boxes (D.P. distribution point) C.T. Cable termination. (vi) Adoption of premonsoon precautions. (vii) Co-ordination with other agencies who have underground cables/sewers etc.

मध्य प्रदेश के जनजातीय और पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में टेलीफोन सुविधायें

71. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंग कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश के जनजातीय और पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में दूर-संचार सुविधाओं के वि र का कार्य पूरा कर लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, त इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या चालू वर्ष के दौरान इन क्षत्रों में दूरभाष केन्द्रों के आधुनिकी-करण हेतु कोई कार्यक्रम तैयार किया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) अब तक मध्य प्रदेश के सभी जनजातीय तथा पिछड़े इलाकों में टेलीफोन सुविधाओं का विस्तार करने में सरकार समर्थ नहीं रही है। तथापि, 8वीं योजना अवधि के दौरान, प्राथमिकता के आधार पर जनजातीय तथा पिछड़े इलाकों में टेलीफोन सुविधाएं प्रदान की जा रही हैं।

(ख) 1992–93 के दौरान जन-जातीय तथा पिछड़े इलाकों में खोले गए नए टलीफोन एक्सचेंजों के ब्यौरे :–

पिछड़े इलाके	:	257
जनजातीय इलाके	:	114
जोड़ :		371

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) हमने, उस वर्ष मियाद पूरी कर चुके सभी पुराने इलेक्ट्रोमैकेनिकल एक्सचेंजों को इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंजों से बदलने की योजना बनाई है। ब्यौरे निम्नलिखित हैं :–

छोटे स्वचालित एक्सचेंज	65
मेक्स II	1
जोड़ :	66

जन-जातीय तथा पिछड़े इलाकों में 1992–93 तक 10,729 लम्बी दूरी के सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन चालू किए गए हैं।

Waiting lists of telephones for the towns of Andhra Pradesh

72. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the respective waiting lists of telephones for the towns of Nalgonda, Bhongir, Miryalguda, Choutuppal and Kodad under Andhra Pradesh Telecom and by when these waiting lists are likely to be cleared;

(b) whether it is a fact that no new phones have been released for the above

mentioned towns during the last five years; and

(c) if not, what are the details of new prone lines released so far for the above towns in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Waiting list of telephones as on 30.6.93 for the towns are as under:

1.	Nalgonda	987
2.	Bhongir	72
3.	Miryalguda	243
4.	Kodad	371
5.	Choutuppal	64

As per 8th Plan objective, the waiting period for telephone connection is to be reduced to two years in large telephone system and telephones practically on demand in rural and tribal areas by the end of the 8th Plan period (1992—97). The expansion of the exchanges are being planned to meet the above objective accordingly.

(b) No, Sir. New phones have been installed to the extent of connectable capacity.

(c) Details of new phone lines released during the last five years are as under:

1.	Nalgonda	222
2.	Bhongir	240
3.	Miryalguda	462
4.	Kodad	50
5.	Choutuppal	89

Amount sanctioned by communication department for construction of new buildings

73. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNCATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount that communication department has allocated for the constructions of buildings in the year 1993-94;

(b) what is the amount allocated state-wise; and

(c) what are the names of district headquarters in Himachal Pradesh where the Post Office Buildings are under construction alongwith the names of places for which Post Master General, H. P. Circle has requested to the Central Government to provide funds for construction of buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Rs. 250.09 crores has been allocated for the construction of buildings in 1993-94.

(b) The allocation of funds is made Circle-wise. The details of amount allotted Circle-wise are furnished in the enclosed statement-I. (*See* below).

(c) Information is given in the enclosed Statement-II.

Statement-I

Circle-wise details of amount allotted for the construction of buildings in the year 1993-94.

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	Amount allotted.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17.33
2.	Assam	2.17
3.	Bihar	29.31